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TODAYS VISITORS

Forget Manchester United, and forget Arsenal! Liverpool were the team you didn't want to be playing when you desperately needed points. If you were playing at Anfield and they went a goal up, they closed the shop and you might just as well gone home, the opposite applied if your team was in front, you would be on a knife edge even well into stoppage time, because inevitably Liverpool would get a goal. But that was the old Liverpool, todays Liverpool are the team we all want to play when we need a result. Anfield and the once famous Kop is no longer worth a goal start.

When did it all go wrong? I reckon it was the day the club turned it's back on the boot-room. In the not to distant past a former player after serving his apprenticeship in the boot-room was promoted first team manager.

But as in every walk of life nothing is guaranteed,.this tried and trusted system did throw up a couple of duds in Souness and Evans. But that should not have been an excuse to throw the baby out with the bath water. However the club did, they turned their back on the boot-room and went foreign, they imported Houlier from Frog land. Okay so he won a few pots for the club, but the big one, the Premier title was always outside their grasp, and it is the Premiership title that is the be all and end all if you wish to remain a big club.

When we played, and beat Liverpool at St. Andrews last season, I wrote in the Zulu that Houlier was a waste of space! Result? Several letters from irate Scousers defending the Frog. And, if you analyse their response, you have to conclude that Liverpool supporters are suffering from the same type of misguided loyalty that Bluenose's were at the time of Trevor Francis. Now who in their right mind would want him back? Twelve months down the line and the Scousers have finally got the message, and Houlier looks to be on the way out.

When it happens, and it will happen, then I will miss his encylopaedia of excuses, excuse's that only come second to Whiskey nose Ferguson, and I will also miss his hound dog look as he delivers them Maybe then Liverpool will get back to the boot-room and start to challenge the likes of Man.United, Arsenal and Chelsea. But keep looking over your shoulders, Birmingham City are not far behind,

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bollocks...it's Ranting Gordon

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A little bird tells me that our esteemed editor is or has had a pop at Claudio Ranieri, stating that he is a sneaky and manipulative etc etc. Dave, that's bollocks! I personally think he has acted with the utmost professionalism and gentlemeness. I still think that it's a done deal that Erickson will be Chelsea boss come next season. What odds Ranieri being boss at Spurs?

Thanks Karren, a 16% rise in the season ticket price next season. Go on girl, reward the loyal, wonderful [her words not mine] supporters. Hope we never upset her!

I know that being in the Premiership is the only place to be. We can all go on about Old Trafford, Highbury White Hart Lane etc, but although we may finish in our highest placing ever, I keep getting the feeling of not disappointment, but, much of a muchness.
I mean that a lot of our games have been ground out, we have battled, musceled and Played in your face football. OK, perhaps he is a far better judge than I will ever be, Brucie reckons that that is the way to stay in this division and if so he is correct. But honestly, how many times have we walked out of grounds, be it home or away, and been able to say that we totally dominated for 90 minutes? 3? 4? 5 times?
Could be me, but I want more, perhaps it's because outside of the top three, every one else is much the same as each other.

I don't want to play second fiddle to the others, I want us to be the dogs bollocks, the crème dela crème.
Roll on next season...lets entertain.

Finally, and I swear I don't mean to sound hard faced or uncaring, but as Maradonna lies in bed from a heart attack, I couldn't give a shit! Forget that the cheating Argentinian bastard is actually a cheating Argentinian bastard. Forget that he was probably and arguably one of the greatest footballers ever. The fact is that he is a drug pushing, drug abusing woman abusing thug who thought he was actually God and was untouchable. He abused his life and those around him.

Pay him tributes? No way!

Thank you Gordon. Now regarding Ranieri Agreed he appears to be a gentleman which in itself is a rare quality in a fucking Wop, but why the fuck should I or anyone else feel sorry for a man, who if he gets the sack walks away with £6m?

I have no sympathy for any manager who gets sacked. Why? Because they have failed, and further more have earned a fortune for being failures. Proof? How about Terry Venables, how about David O'Weary, how about Peter Reid, how about Trevor Francis? The list is endless of managers who have made a fortune out of failing.
Sympathise with them? No way. Fuck-em

GORDON'S VIEW!

Saturday April 10 v Manchester United, home, lost 2-1

A good sound performance in the first half and expectations were high at half time going in one up. As expected United pressed in the 2nd half due to Brucie being forced to make subs twice at left back for Stanley and the G man before the 2nd half. He was limited in tactical options to counter Uniteds superior bench. They brought on the extra midfielder and with lady boy Ronaldo attacking down the left flank, they turned the screw and goals from lady boy and Saha [both headed] gave them the win.
Perhaps we expect too much, but exactly 18 months ago we were pleased with a 1-1 at Crewe. Who said it's a funny old game?

Man of the match Bryan Hughes

Monday April 12 v Portsmouth away, lost 3-1

Portsmouth, granted, were and still are fighting for their lives, but I thought that we gave a tired, and lethargic inept performance. It's happened a couple of times this season, and yes I know we have done wonders, but I still find it hard to accept such a poor performance.
The bizarre sending off of Maik Taylor didn't help, but at best it could have been a 0-0 draw. Pompey wanted it more than us and deserved the win.

Man of the match. The 1,200 bluenoses

Saturday April 17 v Charlton away, drew 1-1

This game was dominated by the defences and the battling midfields and had 0-0 written all over it until Clinton Morrison snatched a goal 10 minutes before the end. A great and valuable 3 points, until a cross found Holland free to score with yet another bloody header. These goals are becoming boringly familiar and very worrying, especially as not many teams scored in that fashion earlier in the season. Late, late goals are also getting to be a problem. The only final note was Hughes miss of the season in injury time. Most fans would have taken a point before the game, but to give 2points away through crap defending is pretty galling.

Man of the match Matthew Upson

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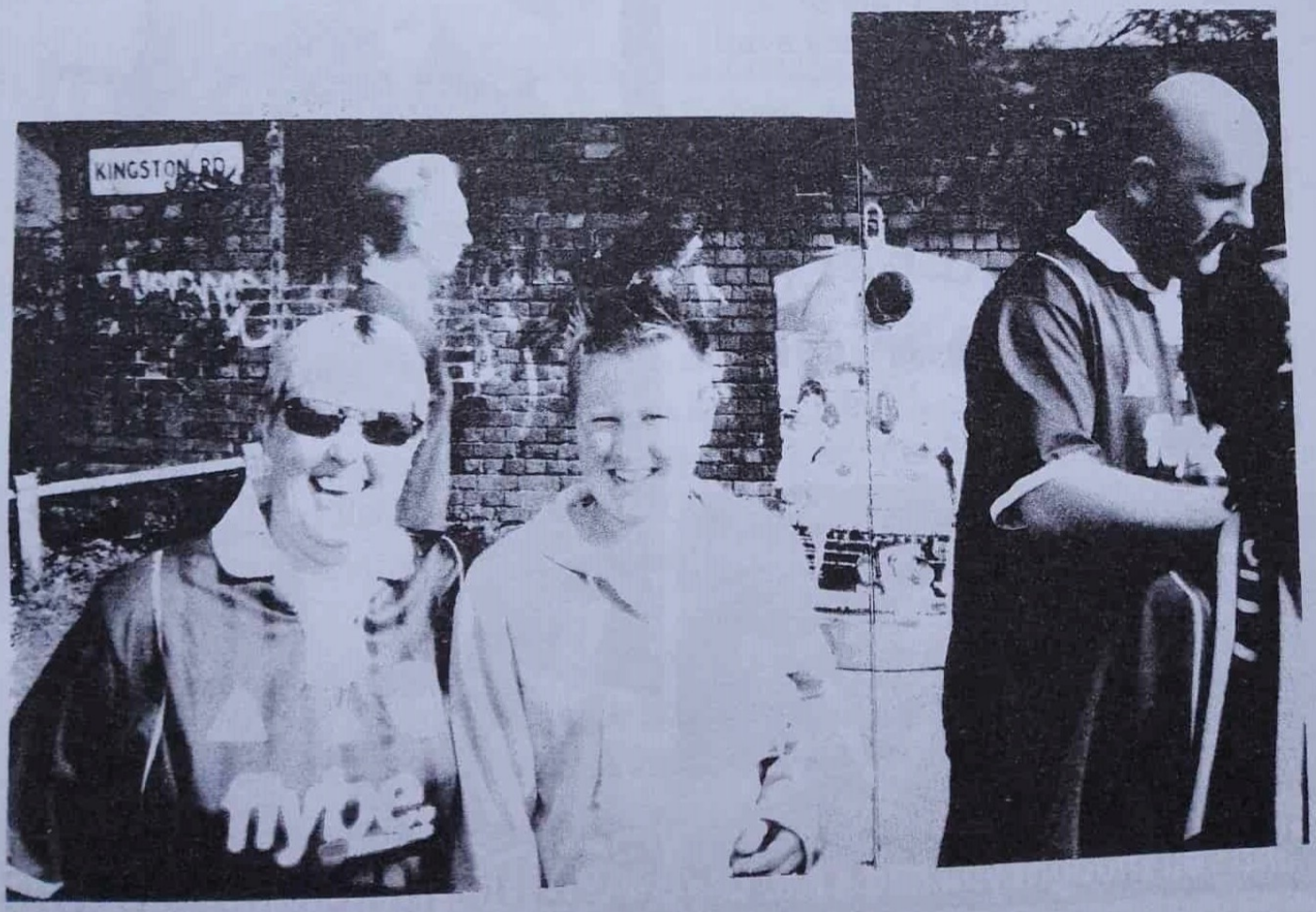

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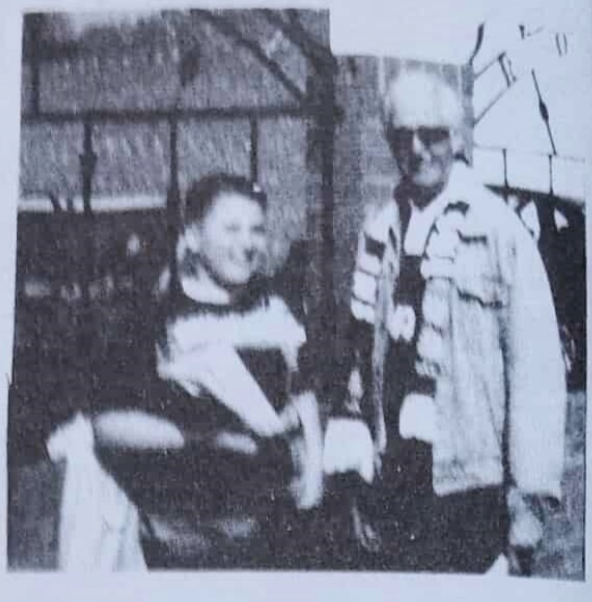

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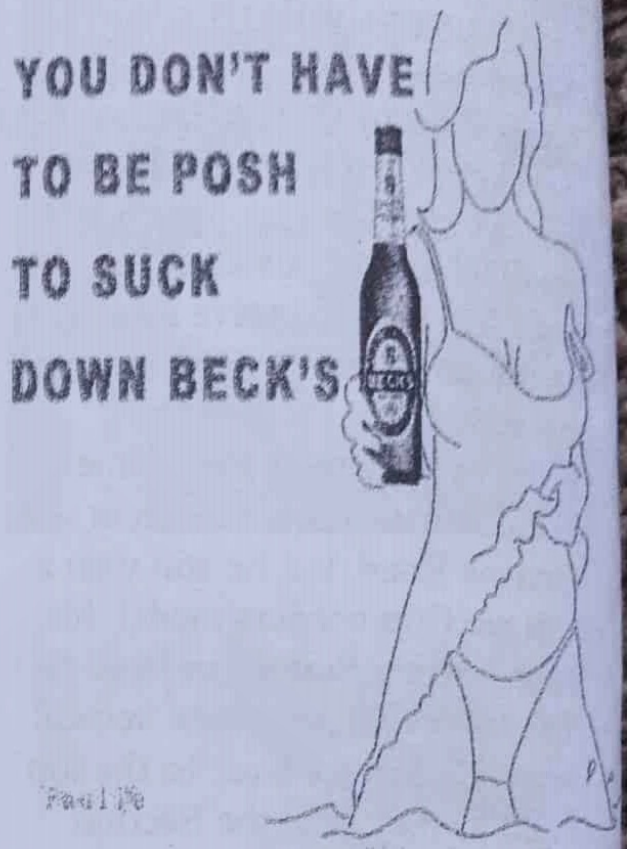

Dear Dave.

It's Danny Boy from Stafford Nick dropping you a line again. Well I certainly enjoy every issue of the Zulu, and it brightens up my day when it comes under my cell door.

Your jokes give me a good laugh, and you keep me updated with the goings on down at St.Andrews in an unbiased fashion. All the other Bluenoses in here enjoy reading it Dave.

About Tunny Swift who wrote to you the other week. What a good steward he is, and the rest of them at St.Andrews should be like him. It's always a good crack in his block, and I'll be back one day singing Keep Right On. Take care Dave, and lets hope we are in Europe next year.
From Danny Boy.
PS Keep Right On

Good to hear from you Danny, I'm glad you and the other Bluenoses in Stafford Nick enjoy the Zulu. Regarding Tunny Swift I'm glad at least one steward is acceptable, okay, most of those who steward the home fans aint to bad, but like I say, those bastards at the away end should be castrated without an anaeshetic. Dave

Dear Zulu

I hope you can get this photo in the mag. A group of us Bluenoses were in the Isle of White, unfortunately for them so were a couple of Vile fans who were pleased to take a kicking off the city's No.1. team.

Keep up the good work, we all love the mag.

Forever Blue
J.P.Kenkins
Chelmsley Wood.

PS. Wouldn't it be nice if Kenna could come back and take a bow at half time?

PPS. I aint got a clue who the old dear is, I think she was passing and saw the two Viles.

Always good to here from any of the Chemsley wood lads, and even better to hear thet sorted a couple of Viles. The old dear could have been Phyllis from the Clemence if she was another 30 years older. And yes, it would have been great to say goodbye to Jeff Kenna. Ed

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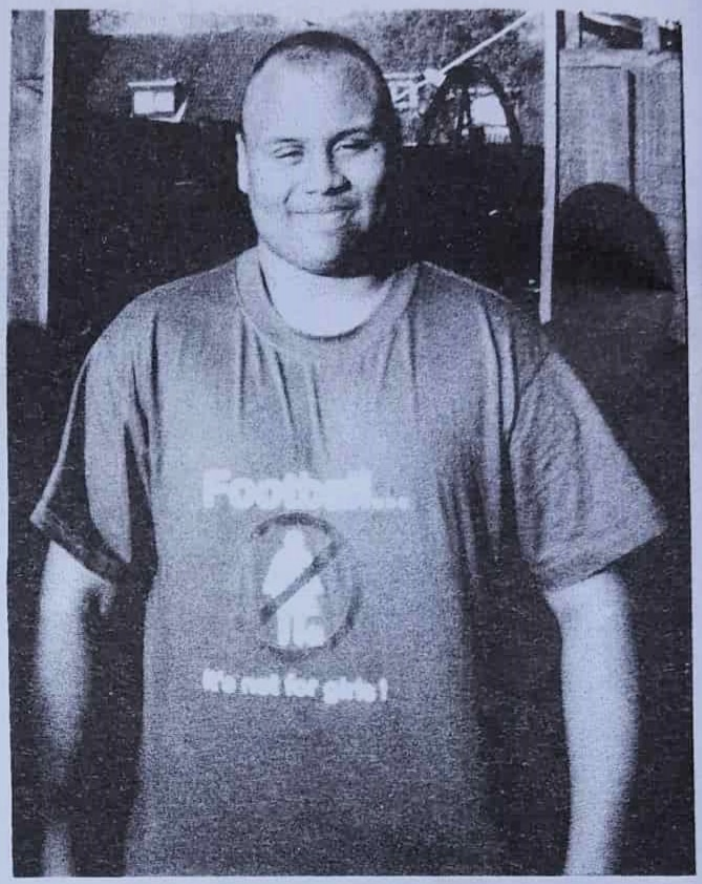
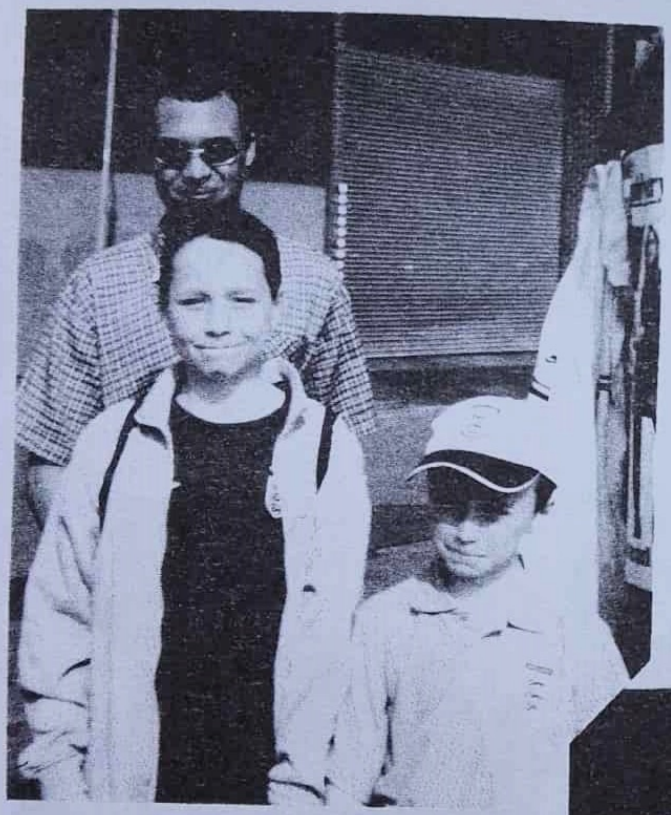
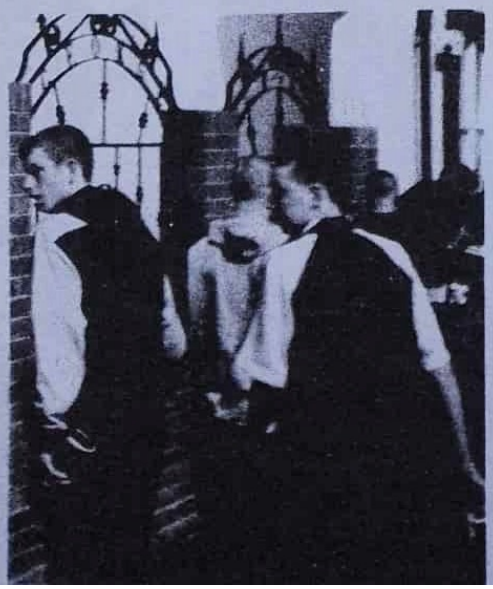


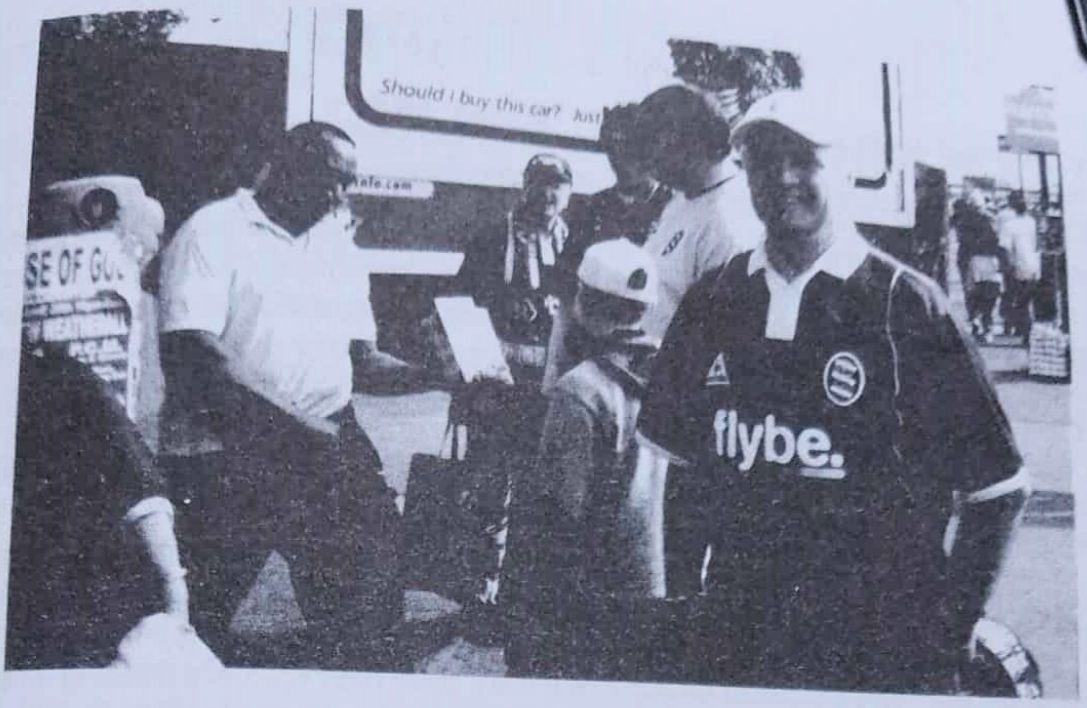




THE LAST RITES

OK then, after a season that promised so much we ended up winning fuck-all! So what's knew? If you've been following the Blues for any length of time it is what you've come to expect.
A trip to 2nd Division Blackpool for a League Cup game, they shouldn't prove a problem! They did. A trip to 1st Division Sunderland in the FA Cup, again shouldn't be a problem, we played like shite, but even then we were given another chance back on our own muck-heap, we didn't take it.
We're fighting it out for a top five place in the Premiership, a three horse race with Newcastle and Liverpool, we blow up entering the final furlong. Admitted we've had problems with injuries and suspensions, but that cannot be used as an excuse for those who threw the towel in, and failing to wear the Royal Blue shirt with pride. In the past the Blues were always regarded as battlers, as the opposition chants go, we never won fuck all, but hey, the other team knew they'd been in a game. This season could have been so different if we had kept the Horse to partner Forssell up front, and fucked Dugarry back to Frog land earlier. All Dugarry was good for was. flaunting around the centre circle, nonchalantly flicking the ball about, with fuck-all on the end of it. Maybe I, like many others expected too much! And that a top ten finish was the best we could expect.
Bollocks, are we or are we not being led to believe that we have ambitions of becoming a big club? Or do we only have pretension's of grandeur?
And it is worth noting, that as from next season, due to a 16% hike in season ticket prices, we will be paying as much or if not more than the Premier Champions Arsenal, and Chelsea and Man.United
Yes, the team has come on leaps and bounds under Steve Bruce, and yes he has an eye for talent. And he obviously knows better than any of us what is needed to improve the team, ie, a couple of full backs, a partner for Forssell, and maybe another mid-field player, plus we've never replaced Paul Devlin on the right. And I, like other Blue noses wait with baited breath to discover who he's going to sign.And YES. I have every confidence in Brucie!
I honestly think that the old style Blue nose who accepted second best as the norm has disappeared, it has disappeared along with the 300 seats in the Main Stand, the seats to be taken up by a new style supporter, a supporter who will not accept second best, but demand success while munching on his prawn sandwich. And he who pays the piper calls the tune!

Beam-me-up-Scottie
Dave Small



WHO R YA?

"LOOK WHO'S HERE FOLKS....."

"OH NO, IT'S RICHIE AND HIS DAMN OPINIONS AGAIN"

Well here we are at the last home game of the season and to go out with a bang I think I'm going to offend some of my fellow Bluenoses, but please remember I'll still always cherish and respect you no matter what. So then I've gotto ask this question because it's been doing my head in for ages now, in fact for years. Is it my imagination or do most football fans in this country "have a Scottish team"? you know what I mean, it's as though your either Rangers or Celtic WHY FOR GODSAKE WHY? I mean when England play Scotland everyone hates the Scots yet folk seem to have to follow one or the other, they'll even go to the extent of buying the shirts, what's the matter with you people? Now I here some of you saying "I follow Celtic because I'm Irish or because I'm catholic" whilst others will be saying "I follow Rangers because I'm a protestant" it's all crap you cannot follow any team based on religion, football is football. Do you think the Glasgow fans are sitting up there saying "I support the Villa" whilst their mate say "well I support Blues"? are they shite their up there thinking what a bunch of pricks we are for supporting their teams. I mean if nothing else they are sweatie socks, foriegners all round complete and utter bastards that hate everyone and everything that isn't Scottish (and yes I know that there are still some of you shouting into the page with the "Celtic are irish" crap, but their based in Glasgow, they're as Irish as Wimbledon are wombles, they're just not get over it.) Presuming I'm right on this and I somehow think I might be, there'll be people sat in St Andrews today reading this thinking "what a tosser, I follow Celtic and I've brought the shirt, who the hell does he think he is?" well to you I ask this, what are you doing here? If your such a big sodding fan of a team that thinks they're "one of Europes biggest clubs" (bearing in mind they play in a league made up of average second division teams and come from a country with less people than the capacity of a mini) I say get out of our ground, I mean what are we to you? are the Blues your second team? if so get stuffed we don't want you here. If Rangers/Celtic are your claimed second team then you can be rest assured that you are NOT a true blue, you can't give complete devotion if you have another team on your mind. It's like saying your completely in love with a woman whilst at the same time thinking about the next time you'r going to cheat on her. I bet some of you even had the cheek to get out your St George cross' on the 23rd and claimed to be a true patriot. It makes me sick. If you are offended by this article then you only have yourselves to blame, your the one who chose to be a Scot lover. If on the other hand you agree and think i've got a point then god bless you, spread the word and lets get this outrageous behaviour stopped, let us see only English club shirts on our streets (and with that said I include all those of you that choose to wear Real Madrid shirts etc etc). To end on a happy note I would like to say how much I've enjoyed this season (apart from the last 8 games or so) and we should be elated with the improvement we have made and by the same token be excited about the prospect of another season in the Premier League

KRO AND I'LL SEE YOU NEXT SEASON BUT UNTIL THEN REMEMBER.....

RICHIE KNOWS

THOUGHTS OF THE DAY

Was it that long ago when the season kicked off? Is this really our last home game of the season? Doesn't time fly?
Right then, light up a fag and tell us how it was for you? Were you like the majority of us pissed off by the way we allowed Blackpool to knock us out of the League Cup? Were you bitterly disappointed by the teams performance against Sunderland? denying us a possible FA Cup Final appearance. Or was it the home game with the Lamanga sex offenders that did your head in?
Maybe it wasn't on the field of play that pissed you off, but the activities of the club itself that got to you, like the way that anyone with the cash, bluenose or none bluenose can get a ticket for any big game the Blues play, Stan Flashman would have been proud of our Karren! Could it be that you one of the 300 who have been told by the club that they are no longer wanted at St.Andrews?
Or maybe you are simply one of the majority who believe that a top ten finish in the Premiership is worth all the heart-aches and set backs the fans had endured?
Whatever your views, you have to admit that following the Blues has never been easy.
Take the 300 who are to lose their seats in the Main Stand! Their crime? Being loyal supporters, and standing, or rather sitting in seats that the club {ie Karren Brady} want to sell to the Prawn Sandwich Brigade for treble the price.
I felt so strongly about this issue that I contacted David Sullivan, his response was to say that 1. It was none of his doing but that of the commercial department. 2. The club have tried to meet the 300 half-way, but failed to say what half way was, and 3, that it is David Gold who I should be talking to as he is the football club chairman.
So I contacted David Gold, he replied that the decision to remove the 300 from there seats was made by, wait for it! David Sullivan and Karren Brady. Talk about the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing doesn't begin to describe the behind the scenes activity that takes place at St. Andrews!
I tell you what, if Ali-Baba and the forty thieves broke into St.Andrews they would come out strip bollock naked and in debt if Karren got hold of them.

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MORE THOUGHTS

Following the blues is more than a football thing, it is a way of life! No matter how crap a player may be, or how bad the team can at times play, then to 99% of bluenoses it is an act of treason to publicly say so. I'll prove my point by saying, how often have we read in the local paper a letter from a fan quite justifiably criticising either the team, or certain players for letting the club down, only for several letters from some of the 99% writing in defence of those criticised. And pointing out that we've never had it so good.

Well excuse me, but if losing to a lowly Second Division side in the League Cup, losing to a First Division team in the FA Cup, and finishing in the top ten of the Premiership is having it off, then I'm Karren Brady's biggest fan.

While the 99% may be chuffed, Alex Ferguson is severely pissed off that Man. United might only win the FA Cup this season, Chelsea who could win the Champions League also believe they have under achieved. Liverpool will possibly sack Houlier if they fail to take 4th place in the Premier and send him back to Frog-Land, home of Garlic smelling men and women with hairy armpits.

Are we doomed to for ever accept second best, must we always be the bridesmaid?

Thankfully I can see alight at the end of the tunnel, and it is not Karren Brady working late by candlelight on devious ways of screwing more money out of us. I do see a future, I accept that paying obscene amounts of money in the transfer market isn't the way forward, just like I see paying ridiculous sums of money to average players is a sin. But, we will get there in the end thanks to good management both on and off the pitch. I can see the day coming when the likes of Man.United, Arsenal and Chelsea will dread coming to St.Andrews just as many teams now feel about visiting them!

So then, I'm ready for next season, I'm just a little concerned though about how much Karren is going to shaft us for our season tickets, One things for sure, it will be well above the inflation rate.

Beam Me Up Scottie

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